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In re Patent Application:)	
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REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND AND RESPONSE TO
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action, mailed February 17, 2004, in the above-captioned patent application. As a result of this request, the deadline to respond is extended up to and including **June 17, 2004.**

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

In response to the attached Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application (NTFMP) mailed February 17, 2004, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), Applicants are enclosing payment of the small entity late filing surcharge fee (\$65.00), the small entity filing fee (\$385.00), the small entity fee (\$172.00) for four (4) independent claims in excess of three (3), the small entity fee (\$414.00) for forty-six (46) total claims in excess of twenty (20), and the small entity fee (\$210.00) for a two-month extension of time to

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respond. Applicants also are enclosing an executed declaration for each of the named inventors and an Application Data Sheet.

Applicants are enclosing checks totalling the amount of \$1,246.00 covering the requisite small entity filing fee, small entity late filing surcharge fee, the small entity fee for independent claims in excess of three (3) and total claims in excess of twenty (20), and the small entity fee for a two-month extension of time to respond. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicants and those determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

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